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Subject: AltEn Remediation Plan Updates

Hey, Seth,

I found an article that was published yesterday that gives an update on the proposed remediation plan for the wet cake pile at the AltEn site. Here is the link:

<https://www.ketv.com/article/nebraska-long-term-plan-alt-en-mead-hazardous-waste-pile/38887865>

From what I can gather, apparently the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy sent a letter to the group planning to spray the Posi-Shell on the wet cake piles, and basically said "Hey, this isn't actually long-term remedial action." I know that they were originally going to start the application of the Posi-Shell yesterday; however, I don't know if the letter explicitly stated "Do not start this" or if it was just them saying "Hey, *please* don't start this". Do you know of anyone at the NDEE or one of the other collaborators that we could reach out to? I honestly don't know who all of the collaborators that we have in Nebraska are, so I wasn't sure if one of them was directly associated with the NDEE or might be someone who would know.

I guess worst case scenario, I could just send an email to the reporter (Julie Cornell, jcornell@hearst.com) who is listed as the author of both the original article we saw last week and this newest one I linked above. I don't know if it's "kosher" to say "Hey I'm a postdoc at the EPA and curious if there are any updates on this" or if I could just simply say "Hey I'm a concerned citizen, any updates?" And if reaching out to her is just a stupid idea all together, please let me know, haha.

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